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SANDAG/SCAG informational meeting held in San Juan Capistrano

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The San Diego Association of Governments and the **Southern California Association of Governments** held an informational exchange meeting September 8 at the Amtrak station in San Juan Capistrano.

SANDAG board members Mickey Cafagna of Poway, Jack Dale of Santee, Joe Kellejian of Solana Beach, and Lori Holt Pfeiler of Escondido were joined by SANDAG staff members and SCAG staff and board members, including Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone of Temecula and Lake Elsinore City Council representative Tom Buckley.

Topics at the meeting included regional transportation planning efforts, goods movement, SANDAG's regional sustainable competitiveness report, California Environmental Quality Act reform, the 5-1-1 commuter telephone assistance program, and the Maglev rail technology.

"So much of what they're doing up there impacts us," Pfeiler said. "We are tied together."

The concept of coordinating regional transportation plan updates for the two regions was discussed, and negotiations with tribal governments was also among the topics. SCAG was also invited to present its concept of "megaregions" to the full SANDAG board at a future SANDAG board policy meeting.

"They've got some pretty aggressive plans," Cafagna said.